

Dick shall annually pay to the Secretary an amount equal to $\frac{1}{25}$ of the amount specified in section 3(B) of the Agreement.

(d) EFFECT.—Nothing in this Act—

- (1) allows the construction of any structure on the property described in subsection (b) not in existence on November 30, 2004; or
- (2) applies to the occupancy or use of the property described in subsection (b) by any person other than Betty Dick.

S. 585

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Rocky Flats Special Exposure Cohort Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

(1) The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7384 et seq.) (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “Act”) was enacted to ensure fairness and equity for the civilian men and women who, during the past 50 years, performed duties uniquely related to the nuclear weapons production and testing programs of the Department of Energy and its predecessor agencies by establishing a program that would provide efficient, uniform, and adequate compensation for beryllium-related health conditions and radiation-related health conditions.

(2) The Act provides a process for consideration of claims for compensation by individuals who were employed at relevant times at various locations, but also included provisions designating employees at certain other locations as members of a special exposure cohort whose claims are subject to a less-detailed administrative process.

(3) The Act also authorizes the President, upon recommendation of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health, to designate additional classes of employees at Department of Energy facilities as members of the special exposure cohort if the President determines that—

(A) it is not feasible to estimate with sufficient accuracy the radiation dose that the class received; and

(B) there is a reasonable likelihood that the radiation dose may have endangered the health of members of the class.

(4) It has become evident that it is not feasible to estimate with sufficient accuracy the radiation dose received by employees at the Department of Energy facility in Colorado known as the Rocky Flats site for the following reasons:

(A) Many worker exposures were unmonitored over the lifetime of the plant at the Rocky Flats site. Even in 2004, a former worker from the 1950s was monitored under the former radiation worker program of the Department of Energy and found to have a significant internal deposition that had been undetected and unrecorded for more than 50 years.

(B) No lung counter for detecting and measuring plutonium and americium in the lungs existed at Rocky Flats until the late 1960s. Without this equipment, the very insoluble oxide forms of plutonium cannot be detected, and a large number of workers had inhalation exposures that went undetected and unmeasured.

(C) Exposure to neutron radiation was not monitored until the late 1950s, and most of those measurements through 1970 have been found to be in error. In some areas of the plant the neutron doses were as much as 2 to 10 times as great as the gamma doses received by workers, but only gamma doses were recorded. The old neutron films are being re-read, but those doses have not yet

been added to the workers’ records or been used in the dose reconstructions for Rocky Flats workers carried out by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

(D) Radiation exposures for many workers were not measured or were missing and, as a result, the records are incomplete or estimated doses were assigned. There are many inaccuracies in the exposure records that the Institute is using to determine whether Rocky Flats workers qualify for compensation under the Act.

(E) The model that has been used for dose reconstruction by the Institute in determining whether Rocky Flats workers qualify for compensation under the Act may be in error. The default values used for particle size and solubility of the internally deposited plutonium in workers are subject to reasonable scientific debate. Use of erroneous values could substantially underestimate the actual internal doses for claimants.

(5) Some Rocky Flats workers, despite having worked with tons of plutonium and having known exposures leading to serious health effects, have been denied compensation under the Act as a result of potentially flawed calculations based on records that are incomplete or in error as well as the use of potentially flawed models.

(6) Achieving the purposes of the Act with respect to workers at Rocky Flats is more likely to be achieved if claims by those workers are subject to the administrative procedures applicable to members of the special exposure cohort.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to revise the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act so as to include certain past and present Rocky Flats workers as members of the special exposure cohort.

SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF MEMBER OF SPECIAL EXPOSURE COHORT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3621(14) of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7384(14)) is amended by adding at the end of paragraph (14) the following:

“(D) The employee was so employed as a Department of Energy employee or a Department of Energy contractor employee for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days before January 1, 2006, at the Rocky Flats site in Colorado.”

(b) REAPPLICATION.—A claim that an individual qualifies, by reason of subparagraph (D) of section 3621(14) of that Act (as added by subsection (a)), for compensation or benefits under that Act shall be considered for compensation or benefits, notwithstanding any denial of any other claim for compensation with respect to that individual.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 76—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEADLY TERRORIST ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF SPAIN ON MARCH 11, 2004

Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DODD, and Mr. BIDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 76

Whereas on March 11, 2004, terrorists associated with the al Qaeda network detonated a total of 10 bombs at 6 train stations in and around Madrid, Spain, during morning rush

hour, killing 191 people and injuring 2,000 others;

Whereas like the terrorist attack on the United States on September 11, 2001, the March 11, 2004, attacks in Madrid were an attack on freedom and democracy by an international network of terrorists;

Whereas the Senate immediately condemned the attacks in Madrid, joining with the President in expressing its deepest condolences to the people of Spain and pledging to remain shoulder to shoulder with them in the fight against terrorism;

Whereas the United States Government has continued to work closely with the Spanish Government to pursue and bring to justice those who were responsible for the March 11, 2004, attacks in Madrid;

Whereas the European Union, in honor of the victims of terrorism in Spain and around the world, has designated March 11 an annual European Day of Civic and Democratic Dialogue;

Whereas the people of Spain continue to suffer from attacks by other terrorist organizations, including the Basque Fatherland and Liberty Organization (ETA);

Whereas the Club of Madrid, an independent organization of democratic former heads of state and government dedicated to strengthening democracy around the world, is convening an International Summit on Democracy, Terrorism, and Security to commemorate the anniversary of the March 11, 2004, attacks in Madrid; and

Whereas the purpose of the International Summit on Democracy, Terrorism, and Security is to build a common agenda on how the community of democratic nations can most effectively confront terrorism, in memory of victims of terrorism around the world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses solidarity with the people of Spain as they commemorate the victims of the despicable acts of terrorism that took place in Madrid on March 11, 2004;

(2) condemns the March 11, 2004, attacks in Madrid and all other terrorist acts against innocent civilians;

(3) welcomes the decision of the European Union to mark the anniversary of the worst terrorist attack on European soil with a Day of Civic and Democratic Dialogue;

(4) calls upon the United States and all nations to continue to work together to identify and prosecute the perpetrators of the March 11, 2004, attacks in Madrid;

(5) welcomes the initiative of the Club of Madrid in bringing together leaders and experts from around the world to develop an agenda for fighting terrorism and strengthening democracy; and

(6) looks forward to receiving and considering the recommendations of the International Summit on Democracy, Terrorism, and Security for strengthening international cooperation against terrorism in all of its forms through democratic means.

SENATE RESOLUTION 77—CONDEMNING ALL ACTS OF TERRORISM IN LEBANON AND CALLING FOR THE REMOVAL OF SYRIAN TROOPS FROM LEBANON AND SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF LEBANON IN THEIR QUEST FOR A TRULY DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. BURR, and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to: